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(BERNARD S. REDMONT)

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You will recall that Bernard S. Redmont is presently residing in Buenos Aires and is employed as a reporter for the publication "World Report." During the course of covering his activities in Buenos Aires it was determined that he received a letter postmarked May 1, 1946, at New York City, which bore the return address of Julie Florman, 144 East 22nd Street, New York 10, New York. From the contents of this letter it appears that Redmont and Miss Florman have been on more than friendly terms. A photostatic copy of this letter is being furnished to your Office.

Your Office should endeavor to identify Julie Florman and the Bureau should be furnished with any information contained in your indices.

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Director, FBI  
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Re: GREGORY  
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DATE 3-28-83 BY SP-U BIA/...  
 Dear Sir: 2/19/84 3042 PWS/.../...

There are being set out herein the results of the interviews with Confidential Informant GREGORY had by Special Agents Thomas G. Spencer and Joseph M. Kelly as they relate to the current and future activities of EARL RUSSELL BROWDER and WILLIAM E. BROWDER and ABRAHAM A. HELLER. The information set forth hereinafter supplements the data furnished in my letter dated July 11, 1946 concerning the same individuals.

On July 17, 1946, Confidential Informant GREGORY advised that in her meeting with WILLIAM BROWDER on July 11, 1946, she had given him \$250 in cash and that during the conversation he informed her that he had anticipated going to Texas on a vacation to visit his wife's people, but was somewhat undecided as to whether he should make this trip. He explained that he had been receiving unemployment compensation for a period of 26 weeks and that he was just about to start receiving compensation for an additional 26 weeks, and he feared that if the authorities learned that he was making this pleasure trip, they might discontinue payments to him.

The informant advised that apparently after WILLIAM BROWDER's ~~arriving~~ <sup>RECORDING</sup> activities as business manager of the "DAILY WORKER", he applied for unemployment compensation and had received the same and due to the fact that it was very difficult for the employment service to supply him with the type of work he had formerly been engaged in, they were going to continue to pay him this compensation.

The informant subsequently advised that she met WILLIAM BROWDER again on July 18, 1946, at which time she turned over to him \$250 in cash. It was on this date that BILL arranged for a meeting at his home between EARL BROWDER and JOHN H. REYNOLDS, which meeting was to take place on the evening of July 24, 1946. The informant stated that, when this appointment was made, BILL did not say anything as to whether or not she, the informant, was to accompany REYNOLDS to BILL BROWDER's home.

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*John H.* On July 25, 1946, the informant advised that, in accordance with the suggestion made by WILLIAM BROWDER for a meeting at his home on the night of July 24, 1946, this meeting did take place. She stated that on the evening of July 24, at REYNOLDS' invitation, she had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. REYNOLDS at their apartment. When the informant arrived at the REYNOLDS home, she found that he was in an intoxicated condition, and following her arrival, Mrs. REYNOLDS indicated her disapproval of REYNOLDS' anticipated trip to Moscow. She told him he should consider his American heritage, his service in World War I and World War II, and related that he should not get involved in anything that would injure his reputation, and insisted that she accompany him and the informant to the meeting to be held at WILLIAM BROWDER's home.

REYNOLDS acquiesced and stated that immediately upon his arrival he would inform BROWDER that he did not intend to go to Moscow, nor did he intend to become involved in any activities that would injure his reputation as a good American.

At about 8:15 pm, the informant and Mr. and Mrs. REYNOLDS arrived at the home of WILLIAM BROWDER. The only occupants in the home at that time were WILLIAM and EARL BROWDER. However, about an hour later, ROSE, WILLIAM BROWDER's wife, returned and participated in the conversation that ensued thereafter. Continuing, the informant advised that immediately upon arrival, REYNOLDS launched into a long discussion as to his American forbears, his service with the United States Army both in World War I and World War II, and his extreme patriotism. He also indicated that he saw no reason why he should go to Moscow in the immediate future.

The informant stated that EARL was somewhat taken back by the outbursts of REYNOLDS and further by the fact that he was somewhat incoherent and noticeably drunk. EARL's only comment after REYNOLDS' utterances was that he did not see any necessity for an immediate trip by REYNOLDS to Moscow but stated that in all probability it would be advantageous to travel there probably in the early spring of next year. EARL pointed out that this trip would be most advantageous in order that the U. S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION might gain the confidence of Intourist and also obtain a more favorable contractual agreement.

Later in the evening, EARL remarked that he was in rather strained financial conditions and that the institution of his new book and publishing business would probably not show any sizable profit for a period of three years and that in order to build up the business to pay lucrative returns in the future, he would have to spend a sizable amount of money which he did not have at this time.

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REYNOLDS, who by this time had calmed down considerably, asked EARL if a \$1,000 a month would carry him through this initial period of establishing his business. At this point, REYNOLDS brought up the matter of the \$15,000 that had been put into the capital stock of the U. S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION at the time this firm was incorporated. The informant stated that this is the first time she has ever known of any conversation transpiring between BROWDER and REYNOLDS concerning the above mentioned \$15,000. It was the informant's opinion that EARL BROWDER considered the money that had been advanced by REYNOLDS up to the present time more or less of a gratuity on the part of REYNOLDS. However, after this conversation concerning the \$15,000, EARL inquired if the U. S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION was in a position to pay this money over to him, and when informed he could have it in any type of payment he desired, EARL was rather pleased to know that the business was in such a shape that they could pay him this amount of money.

At the conclusion of this conversation concerning the payments of money it was decided that the informant would pay the sum of \$500 cash in one payment each month to WILLIAM BROWDER, and that the moneys previously advanced, as well as all the money thereafter paid to EARL, would be considered as payments made against the deposit of \$15,000 into the treasury of the U. S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION.

The following is a recapitulation of the moneys previously advanced to WILLIAM BROWDER by the informant:

June 10, 1946	\$200.00
June 21, 1946	200.00
June 26, 1946	300.00
July 11, 1946	250.00
July 18, 1946	250.00
July 25, 1946	<u>250.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,450.00

It was further agreed that a payment of \$550 would be made on August 1 to bring the amount up to \$2,000, and that thereafter, sometime in the first week of each succeeding month, the sum of \$500 would be paid by the informant to WILLIAM BROWDER until such time as \$15,000 had been paid or some other arrangements had been agreed upon.

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In connection with the payment of this money, the informant volunteered that the financial conditions of the company were such that they could readily pay this amount and remarked that the company's account presently had a balance of about \$80,000.

The informant was asked how REYNOLDS anticipated carrying these payments on the books of the company and she stated that he had made the tentative suggestion that he would reduce the capital of the company from \$20,000 to \$5,000, and in that way keep the books straight, and this reduction in capital of \$15,000 would be used to pay BROWDER the money.

Informant GREGORY stated that she also learned that the first of six articles that BROWDER is writing for the magazine "NEW REPUBLIC" will appear in next week's issue of this magazine. She also learned that the first article would probably concern EARL's visit to HELSINKI when he was enroute from the United States to Moscow, but did not learn anything else concerning the topic of any of the other articles that would appear in this magazine.

GREGORY stated that because of the number of people present, particularly Mrs. REYNOLDS, and also because of JACK REYNOLDS' inebriated condition, it was not possible for her to engaged in any conversations that might have been of interest to the Bureau. At the termination of the meeting, everyone parted in good spirits. However, EARL BROWDER did not make any arrangements for a future meeting with JACK REYNOLDS or the informant.

It will be recalled that at the meeting held on June 30, 1946 in the home of WILLIAM BROWDER, at which time EARL BROWDER was there, the informant was of the definite opinion that EARL BROWDER was attempting to more or less cut the informant out and approach REYNOLDS directly. She advised, however, that there was no indication of this maneuver on the part of EARL BROWDER on the occasion of the meeting on July 24, 1946.

The informant also advised that, according to a pre-arranged plan, she met WILLIAM BROWDER at 11:00 am on July 25, 1946, at which time she turned over to him \$250 in cash.

At the suggestion of the agents, the informant made a casual inquiry of ABRAHAM A. HELLER at this time, and BILL told her that "they" had met HELLER at LaGuardia Airport when he returned from Moscow and that he looked well and was in high spirits. Continuing, BILL advised that HELLER moved into the DISTRIBUTORS GUIDE office and was a "member of the firm". He further stated that both EARL and himself were very happy to

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be associated with HELLER inasmuch as HELLER has a good understanding of the publishing business, speaks three languages; has a great many influential friends. He further remarked that they are very busy doing the "spade work" of this new venture and that both EARL and himself have been to several publishers and have been very well received.

Very truly yours,

*E. E. Conroy*

E. E. CONROY  
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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE R. [REDACTED]

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ON JULY TWENTY INFORMANT ADVISED HALPERIN INQUIRED CONCERNING DEPARTURE B AND O TRAIN SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND SUBSEQUENTLY EDITH HALPERIN INDICATED MAURICE WOULD RETURN NEW YORK FOUR P.M. JULY TWENTY. HALPERIN

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TOLD WARREN ~~THORNTON~~ HE HAD LIVED IN A HOTEL AND APARTMENT AND IS NOW LIVING IN APARTMENT IN GREENWICH VILLAGE. ON SAME DATE JUDY ~~HALPERIN~~ INDICATED THEIR NEW NEW YORK ADDRESS IS FOUR THREE EIGHT CROWN STREET, *Brooklyn,* ON JULY TWENTY ALSO HALPERIN CONTACTED DR. ALPHER, POSSIBLY ISADORE ~~ALPHER~~, ARRANGING FOR BRIEF APPOINTMENT AT NOON THAT DATE. ON THIS DATE PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE DISCLOSED JULIUS J. ~~JOSEPH~~ DEPARTED WASHINGTON TWO P.M. VIA PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD UNDER SURVEILLANCE. NEW YORK OFFICE ADVISED. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ON JULY TWENTY INFORMANT ADVISED GEORGE ~~SILVERMAN~~ WAS CONTACTED BY JOE ~~SILVERMAN~~ WHO INDICATED THINGS WERE NORMAL AT TREASURY AND HAROLD IS GOING TO GENEVA FOR UNRRA, POSSIBLY MAKING REFERENCE TO SUBJECT HAROLD ~~GLASSER~~. SAME SOURCE INDICATED SILVERMAN PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN LARGE BUSINESS TRANSACTION INVOLVING OVER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND TONS OF SOME COMMODITY OWNED BY COMBINE IN CHICAGO. TRANSACTION APPEARS TO CONCERN VENEZUELAN NATIONALS AS CHRIS WAGNER IN CHICAGO STATED HE HAD DINNER WITH THE VENEZUELAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES WHO WAS READY TO SIGN IN THE MORNING. WAGNER INDICATED THAT PAULEY, BROTHER OF AMBASSADOR PAULEY, WAS IN CHICAGO WITH HIM AND ALSO SAM ~~COLE~~, PHONETIC, WHO FOUND THE STUFF (S) u

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FOR HIM. NAME OF LAUCHLIN CURRIE ALSO MENTIONED IN CONVERSATIONS ALTHOUGH CURRIE MAY NOT BE INVOLVED IN DEAL. ON JULY NINETEEN HELEN TENNEY WAS CONTACTED BY MISS SULLIVAN, PHONETIC, WHO DESCRIBED SELF AS MEMBER OF EDUCATION DELEGATION TO ILO FROM INDIA, AND WHO CALLED HELEN AT SUGGESTION OF JILL. SUBSEQUENTLY TENNEY ADVISED BEA HOWELL SHE WOULD GO TO NEW YORK MONDAY MORNING AND PLANNED TO REMAIN ABOUT TEN DAYS, LEAVING HER CAR WITH BEA. TENNEY ALSO DISCUSSED DEPARTURE WITH JEAN, POSSIBLY MRS. JEAN PUTNAM, PHONETIC, REQUESTING PERMISSION TO LEAVE SOME EFFECTS WITH JEAN. TENNEY INDICATED HER RENT WAS PAID UNTIL JULY THIRTY AND SHE WOULD NOT PAY FURTHER RENT PLANNING TO STAY WITH FRIENDS WHEN SHE NEXT RETURNS TO WASHINGTON. BUREAU ADVISED. ] (X) u

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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Donahue

Office Memorandum

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UNITED STATES

GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: July 17, 1946

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(MAURICE HALPERIN)

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Beahm
- Miss Gandy

You may recall that in previous memoranda you were advised that Maurice Halperin, a subject in the Gregory Case, was on so-called "sick leave" from the State Department from the period of March 5 to May 31, 1946, after which he intended to take annual which would carry him through October 1, 1946. In the meantime, Halperin has obtained a position with the American-Jewish Conference in New York City.

It is interesting to note that according to information obtained from a technical surveillance on the residence of Halperin in Washington on July 16, 1946, the State Department has denied Halperin the above sick leave. (X) u

In connection with this disapproval by the State Department, Mrs. Edith Halperin contacted her husband in New York City and read to him a letter addressed to Halperin from the State Department as follows: u

"Under the date of March 5th you submitted your resignation from the Department to be effective May 31st. It is within the province of the State Department to make an administrative determination relative to the granting of sick leave requested at the termination of an appointment. In the light of certain investigation which has been conducted by the Department, it has been administratively determined that the Department will not approve your request for sick leave for the period from March 5th to May 31st. Accordingly, I have instructed the Division of Finance to pay for the period on an annual leave basis. You will, of course, receive a final lump sum payment for any additional leave which has accrued to your credit prior to your resignation from the Department."

It is believed that this decision by the State Department was made as a result of complete information made available by the Bureau of Fred Lyon concerning Halperin's sick leave status and his jesting remarks made to others concerning it.

ACTION:

None. The foregoing is for your information.

Attached hereto is the technical log containing the above information. (X)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York 7, New York

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June 14, 1946.

Director, FBI

Re: GREGORY  
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Dear Sir:

JOSEPH B. GREGG, a principal subject in the above-captioned case, is known to have visited NATHAN KATZ, 184 Sullivan Street, New York City. Investigation was conducted in the case entitled "NATHAN ANDLER KATZ, DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ANTI-TRUST DIVISION" with the Bureau as origin in 1943. KATZ was born on July 31, 1905 at London, England.

Inasmuch as KATZ probably forwarded a photograph of himself when applying for the above-mentioned position, the Bureau is requested to obtain his photograph and forward it to the New York Office. The Bureau is also requested to obtain any information contained in the above-mentioned file that is not in the file of the New York Office and forwarded the information to this Bureau.

Very truly yours,  
E. E. CONROY  
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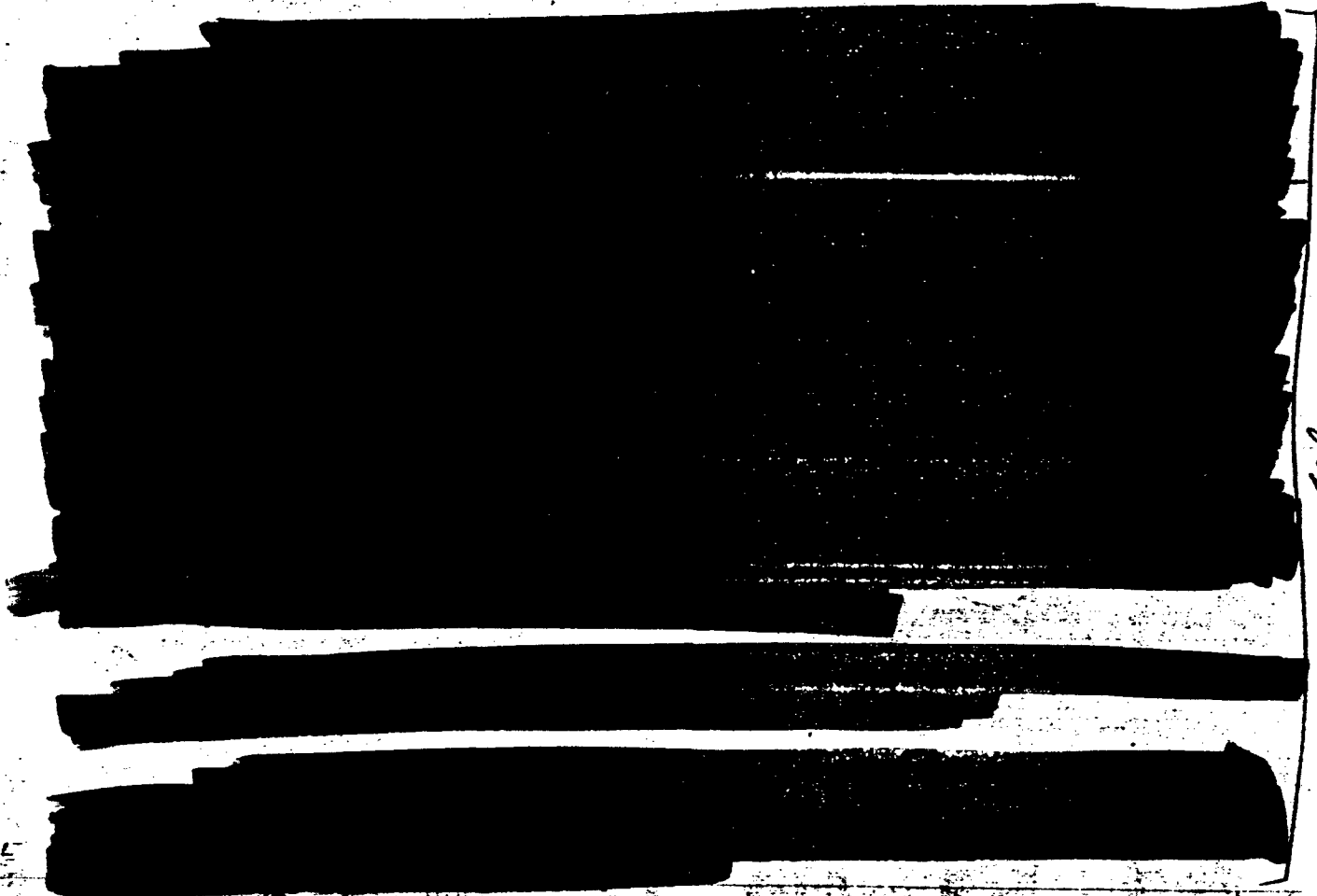
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Reference is made to your letter dated June 14, 1946, advising that Joseph B. Gregg is known to have visited Nathan Katz, 184 Sullivan Street, New York City. The Bureau was requested to obtain a photograph of Katz from the files of the Department of Justice and forward same to the New York Office, as well as any other information of value contained in Katz' file with the Department.



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- Mr. E. A. Tamm
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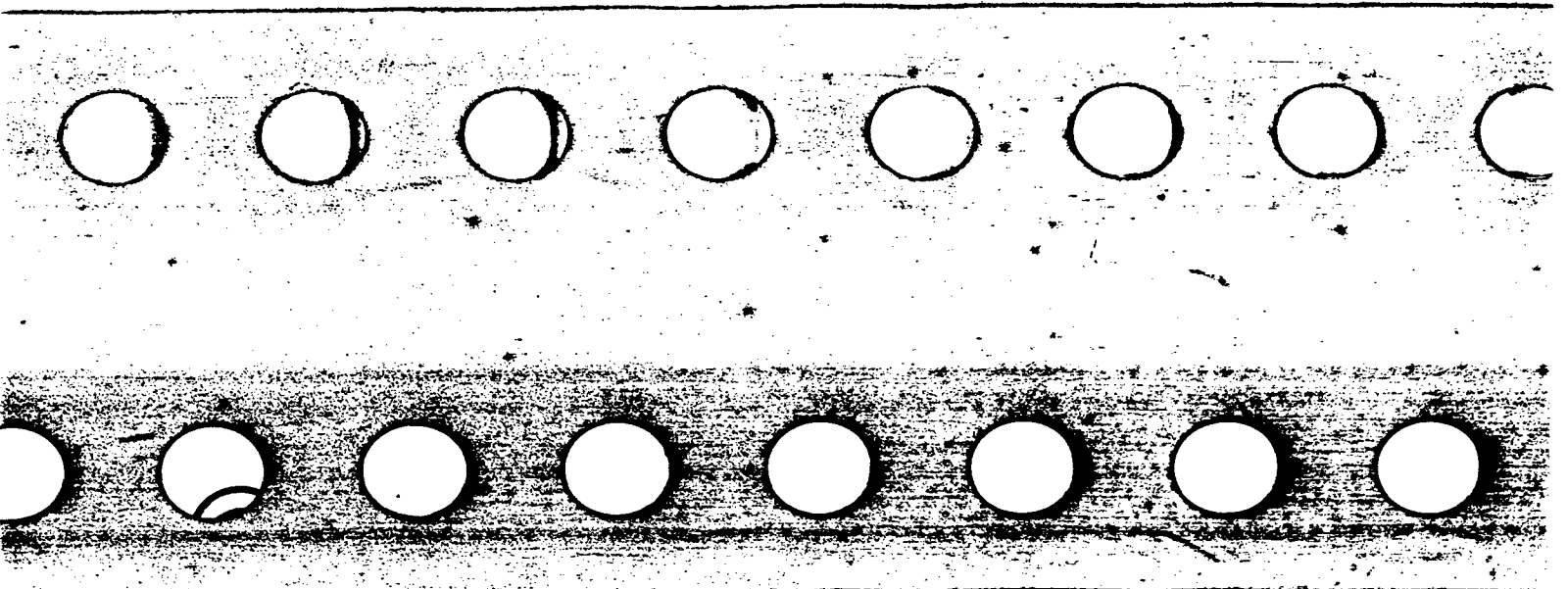
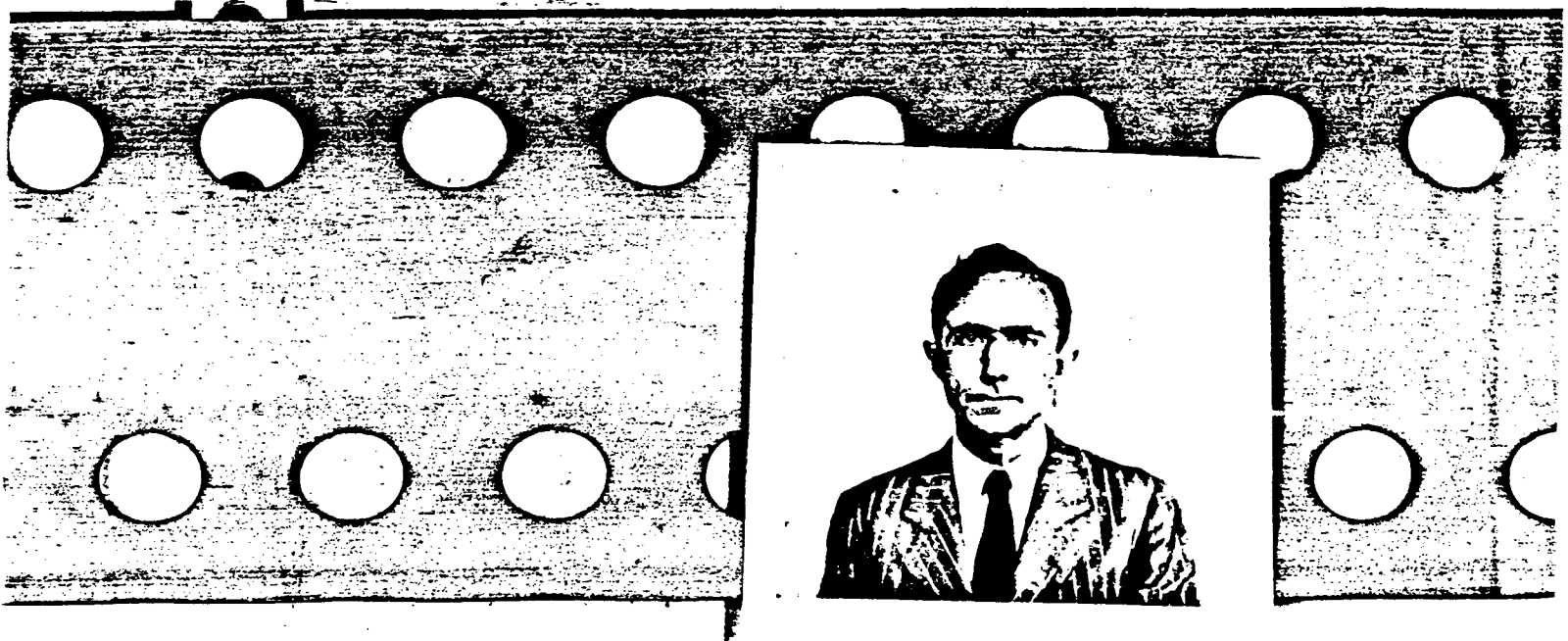
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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
July 3, 1946

Director, FBI

*Brazil* Re: <sup>0</sup>GREGORY CASE  
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Rio de Janeiro letter dated April 26, 1946, wherein it was stated that

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Very truly yours,

*Sam J. Papich*

SAM J. PAPICH  
Acting L.A.

SJP:MGM  
cc Buenos Aires (Encl., SECRET <sup>F</sup> <sub>B</sub> AIR COURIER)  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, N. Y.

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July 13, 1946

Director, FBI

Re: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER,  
with aliases, et al;  
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

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There is enclosed a form of justification for the continuance of the services of [redacted] in the above-captioned case.

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Very truly yours,

*E. E. Conroy*

E. E. CONROY,  
SAC

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United States Department of Justice  
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INVESTIGATION FOR CONTINUATION OF ~~TECHNICAL~~ **CONFIDENTIAL**  
AND ~~ELABORATE~~ SURVEILLANCE July 13, 1946

RE: Title NATHAN HENRIK SILVERMASTER,  
with aliases, et al  
Character of Case ESPIONAGE - R  
Field Office New York  
Symbol Number NY 100  
Type of Surveillance: (Technical or  
Microphone)

Subject's name and address:  
Nathan Silvermaster  
114 East 12th Street  
New York City  
Telephone Murray BR 1-9670  
Location of Technical Operation:

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5. Dates of initial authorization and installation:

Authorized 11/20/45  
Installed 12-1-45

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6. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):

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Specific technical information obtained since previous report with  
identification of source, date of each item and what use was made  
of each item of information involved.

[On May 10, 1946, Jules Korchien, associate of Abe Brothman, was in touch  
with Harry Clement who requested names of persons who would qualify as  
architects in the USSR. Korchien stated that only "progressives" should

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[qualify for the positions.] Information furnished to the Bureau.

On June 3, 1946, informant advised that Brothman was working on a project for the Soviet Government, the nature of which was not revealed at the time. Information furnished to the Bureau.

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8. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means?

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9. Are security checks being made on installations?

10. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency)?

11. Manpower and costs involved:

Operated in conjunction with Sutec operations

12. Remarks (by SA):

Inasmuch as the activities of the subject have been closely followed through the means of this technical surveillance, it is requested that the services of the informant be continued.

13. Remarks (by other Government):

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12. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

It is recommended that this technical surveillance be continued for an additional period of 60 days since it has produced information which is of material assistance to the New York office in connection with the Gregory Case, which information could not have been obtained otherwise without utilizing additional risk or added expense.

There is attached hereto a letter to the New York Field Division authorizing the continuance of this technical surveillance for an additional 60 days.

13. Recommendation by the Assistants to the Director:

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The informant has furnished information to the effect that, since the arrest of the associate of Nathan Brothman, was in contact with officials of the National Housing Administration in Washington, D. C., and that attempts were being made to infiltrate the NHA with individuals who were considered to be "progressives." Specifically, on May 15, 1946, Brothman was in touch with Bill Bishop of the NHA, Washington, D. C. Brothman advised that Bishop told Brothman that there were several positions open as "site planners" and asked Brothman to have some of the boys send in forms for the positions. This information was considered of sufficient importance to notify the Bureau in order that they might be aware of the fact that "progressives" or liberals were attempting to obtain positions in the NHA.

On June 3, 1946, informant advised that the Brothman, subject in instant case, was working on a project for the Soviet Government. At this date the exact nature of this project is not known, but it is believed that through the services of NY-343 this office will be in a position to ascertain the type of work that Brothman is reported to be doing for the Soviet Government. The technical surveillance is also needed to ascertain the appropriate time whereby a confidential source may be developed to examine the effects of Brothman's office.

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cc - Mr. Donohue  
Rm 1261

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Reference is made to your letter dated July 13, 1946, which enclosed a form entitled "Justification for Continuation of Technical or Microphone Surveillance." The technical surveillance mentioned in your letter covers the address of A. Brothman Associates, 114 East 12nd Street, New York City, telephone Murray Hill 3-9670.

You are authorized to continue the operation of this technical surveillance for an additional period of 60 days.

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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Director, FBI

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With regard to your previous inquiry concerning any information available in the Bureau's files on Elmer M. Norman, Samuel Norman and Beatrice Norman, 4913 Pembroke Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, alleged active Communists, who have been telephonically contacted by Irving Kaplan and his wife on many occasions in the past, you are advised that the Bureau files contain no information to the effect that any of these individuals have any Communist backgrounds other than their current contacts with Kaplan and his wife in connection with the investigation of the Gregory case. It appears that the Normans are relatives of the Kaplans.

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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE - R. MRS. RAY ELSON. PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE MAINTAINED  
SINCE NOVEMBER, FORTY FIVE, IS BEING REDUCED TO A SPOT CHECK IN VIEW  
OF CONTINUED INACTIVITY OF ELSON. SUBJECT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED CARACUL  
FUR CO., TWO FOUR NINE WEST TWENTY NINTH ST., NYC, NINE A. M. TO FIVE  
THIRTY P. M. HOURS AND ASSOCIATES FOUND TO BE REGULAR. [REDACTED] b2 b7D  
[REDACTED] CONTINUES TO FURNISH INFORMATION OF ACTIVITY, REGULARLY AND  
ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED TO INSTITUTE SURVEILLANCE WHEN NECESSARY. SUB-  
JECT AND HUSBAND CONTINUE TO SPEND WEEKENDS AT FAR ROCKAWAY, LI, SUMMER  
RESIDENCE. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY SURVEILLANCE BEING DISCONTINUED  
IMMEDIATELY AND SPOT CHECKS INSTITUTED.

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER

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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE R. SOLOMON ADLER DEPARTED WASHINGTON ENROUTE NEW YORK VIA PLANE SIX THIRTY A.M. THIS MORNING. NEW YORK OFFICE NOTIFIED.

ON JULY TWENTYTWO SURVEILLANCE REVEALED ADLER VISITED ROOM SIX TEN, CARLTON HOTEL, REGISTERED TO H. HODGES, TWO FIVE ONE WEST THIRTIETH STREET, NYC. NEW YORK IS REQUESTED TO IDENTIFY THIS INDIVIDUAL. ON JULY TWENTYTWO INFORMANT ADVISED SILVERMAN AND FLORENCE WAGNER DISCUSSED THEIR VENEZUELAN DEAL WHICH APPEARS ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES. FLORENCE STATED CHRIS WAS CONCERNED. SHE STATED CHRIS TALKED WITH DAVIS AND TOLD HIM WHATEVER HE DID WITH CHENNAULT, PHORETIC, WAS SATISFACTORY. SILVERMAN STATED HE WOULD HAVE SOL, PRESUMABLY SOLOMON ADLER, GIVE HIM A BOOST WITH THE CHINESE MISSION. SILVERMAN ALSO MENTIONED LOCH, BELIEVED LAUHLIN CURRIE, WOULD VISIT WASHINGTON THURSDAY. SHORTLY THEREAFTER

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SILVERMAN CONTACTED ADLER ADVISING HE WISHED TO SEE SOL FRIDAY BEFORE LATTER LEAVES. ON JULY TWENTYTWO DAVE WEINTRAUB, UNRA, ADVISED SILVERMAN THE GREEKS ARE SEEKING PURCHASING REPRESENTATIVE AND HAVE TWENTYFIVE MILLION DOLLARS TO SPEND. SILVERMAN SAID HE AND CURRIE WERE CONSIDERING ATTEMPT TO BECOME THEIR PURCHASING AGENTS. WEINTRAUB INDICATED HE THOUGHT HE HAD SOME INFLUENCE WITH THE GREEKS AND SILVERMAN SAID HE MAY HAVE TO CALL ON DAVE. ON EVENING JULY TWENTYTWO CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE REPORTED REBECCA FITZGERALD INDICATED TO ROY, POSSIBLY STEPFATHER, THAT THEY WOULD

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LEAVE WASHINGTON SEVEN A.M. FRIDAY ARRIVING WASHINGTON NINE FORTYSIX A.M.  
 VISIT HIM AND MOTHER. ON JULY TWENTYTWO EDITH HALPERIN RELATED THEY THOUGHT  
 THEY HAD APARTMENT BEGINNING SEPTEMBER AT FOUR THREE EIGHT CROWN STREET,  
 CROWN HEIGHTS, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. ON MORNING JULY TWENTYTHREE INFORMANT  
 ADVISED HELEN SILVERMASTER ENDEAVORED TO CONTACT JACK MARSALKA UNSUCCESSFULLY.  
 SHE INDICATED SOMEONE HAD LEFT WORD FOR HER TO DO SO. SAME DATE SOPHIA  
 GLASSGOLD CONTACTED HELEN SILVERMASTER STATING SHE AND COOK, PHONETIC, JUST  
 ARRIVED IN TOWN LAST NIGHT. SOPHIA ALSO ADVISED SETH COOK IS IN TOWN AND  
 PLANS TO STAY WITH SILVERMASTERS. A MAIL COVER RECENTLY REFLECTED  
 COMMUNICATION FROM A. G. GLASSGOLD, UENRA, IN GERMANY TO SILVERMASTERS.  
 BUREAU ADVISED.

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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE R. [TODAY EDWARD FITZGERALD ADVISED WIFE HE WILL VISIT NEW YORK TOMORROW CONNECTION FATHER'S ILLNESS. REBECCA EXPRESSED DESIRE TO ACCOMPANY FITZGERALD, HOWEVER LATTER OPPOSED TO TRIP BECAUSE HER HEALTH. FITZGERALD MENTIONED IF SHE ACCOMPANIED HIM SHE COULD STAY WITH HER BROTHER JIMMY MILLER. ON JULY EIGHTEEN CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED DUNCAN STATED HE WOULD VISIT HOME CHATHAM, VIRGINIA, NEXT WEEK ON VACATION. ON JULY EIGHTEEN INFORMANT ADVISED DOROTHY KAPLAN CONFERRED WITH PAUL FRIEDLAND, FEMALE, DISCUSSING LETTER APPARENTLY RECEIVED BY BEA NORMAN, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, FROM JEWISH WELFARE SOCIETY WHICH PAUL DESCRIBED AS HIGHLY INTERESTING APPARENTLY REFLECTING INTERVIEWS WITH JEWISH PATIENTS. SHE DECLINED TO ELABORATE BUT REQUESTED DOROTHY KAPLAN TO OBTAIN THE LETTER FOR HER AS DOROTHY PLANNED VISIT TO BALTIMORE EARLY JULY NINETEEN. DOROTHY INDICATED KAPLAN WOULD SPEND WEEKEND IN HARPERS FERRY LEAVING WASHINGTON SATURDAY.

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ON NIGHT JULY EIGHTEEN INFORMANT ADVISED PEARL MILLER'S STAYING MILLER HOME CONTACTED MILLERS, DUXBURY, MASS. JENNY INDICATED MILLERS WOULD RETURN IN COUPLE WEEKS. PEARL ADVISED SHE LUNCHEONED WITH

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WOODWARD, FROSTIG, WHO MISSES BOB MILLER WHO WAS GOOD MORAL SUPPORT TO  
HER. MILLER TOLD PEARL HE RETURNS TO WORK AUGUST FIVE. BUREAU ADVISED

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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE R. [CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED ON JULY SIXTEEN SOL  
ADLER CONTACTED GEORGE SILVERMAN AND ARRANGED TO VISIT SILVERMAN EVENING OF  
JULY SEVENTEEN. AGENTS OBSERVED ADLER ENTER SILVERMAN'S APARTMENT SIX  
FORTYFIVE JULY SEVENTEEN. ADLER DEPARTED FROM SILVERMAN'S ONE FIVE A.M.  
JULY EIGHTEEN AND PROCEEDED TO WASHINGTON HOTEL WHERE HE REGISTERED FROM  
CHINA ON JULY FOURTEEN.

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[CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ADVISED ON JULY SEVENTEEN  
EDITH AND MAURICE HALPERIN PLANNED A DINNER PARTY THEIR RESIDENCE FOR SATURDAY  
NIGHT. EDITH HALPERIN INTENDS TO INVITE EVELYN BROWN AND HUSBAND AND  
ALEXANDER AND VIRGINIA LESSER. EVELYN BROWN EMPLOYED IN OFFICE OF  
REPRESENTATIVE HELEN GAHAGAN DOUGLAS. ALEXANDER LESSER EMPLOYED IN STATE  
DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF DIVISION OF AMERICAN REPUBLICAN INTELLIGENCE. ON  
JULY SEVENTEEN AT REQUEST OF LILLIAN DUNAWAY EDITH HALPERIN DROVE JULIUS  
JOSEPH JOSEPH FROM DUNAWAY RESIDENCY, FOREST GLEN, MARYLAND, TO DOWNTOWN  
WASHINGTON WHERE THEY SEPARATED AT SIXTEENTH AND RHODE ISLAND AVENUE,

N. W. JOSEPH THEN CONTACTED WESTERN UNION OFFICE AND SENT A WIRE. THEREAFTER

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HE PROCEEDED TO THE OFFICES OF THE INTERCONTINENTAL CORPORATION. IT IS NOTED THAT THESE OFFICES ARE ALSO OCCUPIED AND USED AS LAW OFFICES BY ALLAN ROSENBERG AND WARREN L. SCHARFMAN. JOSEPH REMAINED IN THESE OFFICES FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY MINUTES AT WHICH TIME HE WALKED DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE OF UNRRA. ON JULY SEVENTEEN CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE INFORMED THAT MAURICE HALPERIN ADVISED EDITH HALPERIN HE HAD OBTAINED A TEN ROOM APARTMENT WHICH THEY CAN PROBABLY OCCUPY BY SEPTEMBER ONE. APARTMENT ADDRESS UNKNOWN TO THIS OFFICE. MAURICE HALPERIN INTENDS TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON THIS FRIDAY VIA TRAIN AT EIGHT NINETEEN P.M. HALPERIN INFORMED EDITH THAT HE INTENDS TO INQUIRE AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT REGARDING DENIAL OF SICK LEAVE. EDITH CAUTIONED HIM TO GO VERY SLOWLY IN THIS MATTER. HALPERIN INFORMED EDITH THAT THE HALPERIN IS LOOKING AROUND. INFORMANT ADVISED HELEN SILVERMASTER APPARENTLY INTENDS TO RETURN TO BEACH THIS FRIDAY. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE INFORMED THAT HELEN TENNEY NOW CONTEMPLATES LEAVING WASHINGTON SOMETIME SUNDAY AND AFTER A WEEK IN NEW YORK WILL RETURN HERE TO CLOSE UP HER APARTMENT. BUREAU ADVISED.

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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED ON JULY SIXTEEN EDITH HALPERIN INFORMED MAURICE HALPERIN THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT ADVISING THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD DENIED HIS REQUEST FOR SICK LEAVE FOR THE PERIOD FROM MARCH FIVE TO MAY THIRTYONE. THE SAME SOURCE RELATED THAT HALPERIN WAS SCHEDULED TO DEPART WASHINGTON FOR NEW YORK ON ELEVEN A.M. TRAIN THAT DATE. ON JULY SIXTEEN CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE INFORMED THAT EDITH HALPERIN CONFERRED WITH MAX FRANKS AND INFORMED FRANKS THAT MAURICE HALPERIN HAS SEEN BEN AND GERTRUDE IN NEW YORK. BEN IS VERY ANXIOUS FOR MAURICE TO BUY A HOUSE NEAR THEM IN GROTON, NEW YORK, WHERE THEY HAVE MANY MUTUAL FRIENDS. EDITH HALPERIN MENTIONED SHE SAW AN AD FOR BEN'S THIRD BOOK IN THE QUOTE BOOK FIND OR QUOTE NEWS. ON JULY FIFTEEN CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE REVEALED THAT DOROTHY KAPLAN ADVISED EDITH NEEDLEMAN, PHONETIC, IN NEW YORK THAT IRVING KAPLAN WOULD BE IN NEW YORK A WEEK FROM WEDNESDAY AND MAY ASK EDITH TO GET A HOTEL ROOM FOR HIM. DOROTHY MAY ACCOMPANY HIM. HARRY MAGDOFF DEPARTED WASHINGTON ON JULY SIXTEEN FOR PEEKSHILL

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NEW YORK, TO JOIN WIFE BEATRICE FOR ONE MONTH. JULY SIXTEEN  
 HELEN SILVERMASTER INVITED HENRIETTA KLOTZ, NEW YORK CITY, TO STAY TWO  
 WEEKS AT THE SILVERMASTERS' BEACH PLACE IN AUGUST. HELEN STATED PORTROFF,  
 PHONETIC, QUOTE IS DYING TO SEE HENRIETTA UNQUOTE. HENRIETTA WILL ADVISE  
 HELEN LATER. [ON JULY FIFTEEN CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED HELEN TENNEY  
 INFORMED HER MOTHER THAT DAY THAT SHE WOULD LEAVE FOR NEW YORK SUNDAY OR  
 MONDAY, JULY TWENTYONE OR TWENTYTWO, AND DESIRED TO SEE HER MOTHER IN  
 NEW YORK ON MONDAY. HELEN STATED SHE HAS A LOT OF PROBLEMS QUOTE AS YOU  
 PARENTHESIS HER MOTHER END PARENTHESIS CAN SEE BY MY LETTERS UNQUOTE.  
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Title: "CHANGED" GREGORY CASE - TOP SECRET  
Character of case: Argentinian ESPIONAGE - R  
NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was. et al;  
URSULA IRENE WASSERMAN, was. Ursula Wasserman, Ersala Wasserman; BERNARD SYDNEY REDMONT, was. Bernard S. Redmont, B. S.;  
REDMONT, Bern Redmont

Administrative Details: See next page

- Sources of Information:
- Source C - Bureau radiogram dated April 7, 1946.
  - Source D - [REDACTED]
  - Source E - [REDACTED]
  - Source F - [REDACTED]
  - Source G - [REDACTED]
  - Source H - [REDACTED]
  - Source I - Bureau radiogram of 5/31/46
  - Source J - Rio radiogram of June 4, 1946
  - Source K - Rio radiogram of April 26, 1946
  - Source L - Montevideo cable of May 21, 1946
  - Source M - Duff and Bradstreet
  - Source N - [REDACTED]

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Re: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was. et al;  
URSULA IRENE WASSERMAN, was.;  
BERNARD SYDNEY REDMONT, was.  
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Synopsis

BERNARD SYDNEY REDMONT, known Soviet agent at least until 1943, arrived Buenos Aires April 15, 1946, from United States after one week stop-off in Rio de Janeiro. English language newspapers published biographical data concerning REDMONT and reported him as Staff Correspondent for "World Report"; subject pictured as experienced correspondent and war hero.

[REDACTED] He attends Embassy press conferences. [REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] Article of subject concerning a Russian-Argentine trade pact appeared in "World Report". Return address of correspondence received by REDMONT set out. [REDACTED] b1

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(c) Subject URSULA IRENE WASSERMAN stated to SUE BURNETT that she had been in contact with ERNESTO GIUDICE who would give her considerable material on German penetration in Argentina. GIUDICE is a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Argentina. [REDACTED] k

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(d) Information concerning contacts of WASSERMAN set out: ERNESTO WASSERMAN, ERNESTO HESS, JUDAS SIELSKI. (S) k

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INFORMATION CONCERNING BERNARD SYDNEY REDMONT  
with aliases

Basis of Investigation of Subject REDMONT

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[On April 7, 1946, reliable Source C] informed that BERNARD SYDNEY REDMONT was a known Soviet agent at least until 1943. He was reported as having reservations on Pan American Airways to fly from Miami, Florida to Buenos Aires, Argentina, leaving Miami at 4 p.m. April 7, 1946, flight 201. He was scheduled to stop over in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for one week. It was stated that the purpose of his trip to Buenos Aires was to accept employment with the publication "World Report".

REDMONT was described as follows:

Name: BERNARD SYDNEY REDMONT  
Born: November 8, 1918  
Height: 5' 10"  
Weight: 190 pounds  
Hair: Black  
Eyes: Brown  
Complexion: Dark  
Appearance: Jewish, appears older than his age.

Reliable Source D informed that [REDACTED]

Source D informed that [REDACTED]

Background Information Concerning Subject REDMONT

On April 16, 1946, the day after the subject's arrival, the English language newspapers "Buenos Aires Herald" and "The Standard" carried pictures of subject REDMONT and articles setting out biographical data concerning him. The article in the "Buenos Aires Herald" is quoted as follows:

"ENTER 'WORLD REPORT' --- BERNARD REDMONT  
ARRIVES IN BUENOS AIRES

"Latest recruit to the ranks of foreign correspondents in Buenos Aires is Mr. Bernard S. Redmont, who arrived here

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Administrative Details

The title of this case is being changed to reflect the addition of the subject BERNARD SYDNEY REDMONT, with aliases.

On May 14, 1946, a memorandum was prepared [redacted] (S) concerning subject WASSERMAN and six copies of the memorandum were submitted to the Bureau. b1

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yesterday as staff correspondent for a publication that has not yet made its bow to the reading public---'World Report', of which the first number is due to appear at the end of May.

"Mr. Redmont has had a widely varied career in journalism, the highlight of which has been his service in the Pacific with the United States Marine Corps as combat correspondent-- a fellow who lived, ate, slept and fought with the rest of the troops, held the rank of sergeant, carried a gun as well as a typewriter, and occasionally got hit.

"Unlike the civilian war correspondents he was working, not for a news agency but for the United States forces; if he chanced on a good story about any individual Marine, it was sent to the boy's home town paper.

#### "IN FIRST WAVE AT THE MARSHALLS

"His first experience of combat was in the storming of the Marshall Islands in February of 1944 when he went ashore in the first wave; it was also his last, for he was wounded in a Jap air raid twelve days later sent back to base, and eventually invalided out. The assault on the Marshalls was the first blow at the prewar Jap empire; he called it 'one of those fierce little battles that don't last long.'

"Wounded in the foot two weeks later, he was sent to hospital in Pearl Harbour and thence home, where he was finally discharged with one foot a size larger than the other. It only worries him when he wants to buy shoes, he says. He has to buy two pairs to make one.

"He has held most of the jobs to be had on newspapers, but has specialised in international affairs and just before the outbreak of war in 1939 was free-lancing in Europe for 'Current History' and the Sunday department of the 'New York Times'. During 1940 he was in Mexico, working as correspondent for Columbia Broadcasting System and the Star-Hunt News Service. He covered the assassination of Trotsky and the last Mexican presidential elections. More recently, he has been working in the States as director of the news division of the Office of Inter-American Affairs and has been in charge of short-wave news broadcasts to Latin America.

"'World Report', which he now represents, is to be a weekly magazine devoted entirely to reporting, interpreting and forecasting news of international affairs. It will carry no home news and no editorials, and is intended to analyse the essential in world events with complete objectivity. Nothing like it exists at present in American journalism,

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"Mr. Redmont said, and he was convinced that it would supply a need for the average man or woman whose understanding of international news was confined to the necessarily incomplete view given by the headlines of daily papers.

"The journal, which is owned by the ~~United States News Association~~, of which David Lawrence is president, is now sending or has already sent its correspondents out all over the world. Mr. Redmont will set up his headquarters here and will be joined shortly by his wife and three-year-old son. His 'beat' will include Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Peru."

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Information from Various Sources Concerning Activities of REDMONT

REDMONT is observed to lunch almost daily at the American Club where he lunches chiefly with correspondents representing various U. S. newspapers, including JOE NEWMAN, correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune (NEWMAN has since departed for the United States); WINSTON COPELAND of United Press; HUGH JENKS of Associated Press; and ERNIE HILL, correspondent for the Chicago Daily News, and RICHARD POST, Second Secretary and Press Attache of the United States Embassy in Buenos Aires. Prior to the arrival of REDMONT's wife and child he frequently visited cabarets and bars accompanied by JACK TOW.

REDMONT regularly attends the Embassy press conferences. On April 30, 1946, REDMONT attended a cocktail party given by the Charge d'Affaires Cabot at the Embassy residence. Miss SUE BURNETT, Treasury representative attached to the American Embassy, introduced REDMONT around. He was observed talking at length with Mr. RICHARD POST, Embassy Press Attache. A number of other representatives of the American press in Buenos Aires attended the cocktail party. On June 5, 1946, REDMONT and his wife attended a cocktail party given by WINSTON COPELAND, chief of the News Bureau of South America of the United Press.

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Article of Subject REDMONT in "World Report" Concerning Russian-Argentine Trade Pact

On May 20, 1946, the Buenos Aires English language newspaper "The Standard" and other newspapers carried articles concerning subject REDMONT's article in "World Report" reporting a Russian-Argentine Trade Pact. The article from "The Standard" is quoted as follows:

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"REPORT RUSSO-ARGENTINE TRADE PACT

"WASHINGTON, Saturday.---

"The 'World Report', a new weekly news magazine dealing with foreign affairs, predicts that 'confidential negotiations' between Colonel Peron and the Russian commercial mission in Argentina 'are almost certain to lead to a diplomatic recognition' between the two countries.

"The magazine, in a special article headlined 'Russia and Argentina closing a trade deal', declared that 'BERNARD REDMONT', staff correspondent of World Report, last week observed two of four Russian ships in Buenos Aires taking on cargoes of hides, wool, ham, bacon, lard and tallow. He learned that Argentina is ready to send a special commercial mission to Russia to arrange an expanded trade between the two countries."

"The article added that trade arrangements are now being worked out between the two countries which will give Russia a valuable market in South America and in time 'will cut into the United States and British commerce with Argentina.' It added that the preliminary details of the agreement were 'worked out in a one hour conversation with Colonel Peron's Buenos Aires apartment,' and forecast that Argentina would make the next move by sending a mission to Russia.

"The magazine called a 'significant indication that diplomatic relations soon be established' the publication in Moscow of Tass dispatches saying that Argentina is eager to establish a contact. It added that Colonel Peron now appears inclined to do business both diplomatically and commercially with Russia. His relations with the United States are cool and Russia's friendship is likely to be useful.

"The article states that the Russians ought to install in Argentina a commercial agency similar to the Amtorg Soviet purchasing commission, and that it proposed opening an agency for the 'Molotov' motorcar to sell it for about 1,250 dollars -- far less than the cost of a United States or British car.

"The magazine's correspondent also reported that the Russians plan to open a tyre factory in Cordoba, and that Argentina hopes to obtain from Russia equipment for drilling oil and other machinery needed for the Y.P.F. He also states that the Russians are studying the idea of establishing a regular steamship line between Russia and Argentina with two sailings monthly. --(A.P.)"

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The Arrival of Subject's Wife u

W&E [Reliable Source I informed, on May 31, 1946,] that subject REDMONT's wife, JOAN REDMONT, departed Miami, Florida, at 5 p.m. May 30, 1946, via Pan American Airways, flight 201, for Buenos Aires, Argentina, with overnight stops at Belem and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. She was scheduled to arrive in Buenos Aires on June 2, 1946.

W&M [On June 4, 1946, reliable Source J informed] that JOAN REDMONT, accompanied by her three year old son, had arrived in Rio June 1 and departed for Buenos Aires June 2, 1946. She was reported to have made no contacts and registered at the hotel as "BETTY S. REDMONT". Reliable Source D advised that [REDACTED]

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INFORMATION CONCERNING URSULA IRENE WASSERMAN

Statements of Subject WASSERMAN -

On April 18, 1946, Subject URSULA IRENE WASSERMAN was in contact with Miss SUE BURNETT, a representative of the Treasury Department assigned to the American Embassy in Buenos Aires, and advised as follows:

She, WASSERMAN, planned to go to Montevideo before her departure to the United States in order to visit a correspondent friend of hers and contact some publishing houses..

She was having some book backs made by a shop operated by JOSE PAPITICH at Cabildo 1532, Belgrano.

On April 26, 1946, Subject WASSERMAN lunched with SUE BURNETT and CHARLES GUTWIRTH. During the lunch WASSERMAN made the following statements: S:

She, her father, and mother were leaving on April 28 by train for San Blas, the South East corner of Buenos Aires Province near the Patagonia Province border. She said she would remain at an estancia owned by her cousin, Dr. ERWIN WASSERMAN, for ten or twelve days and that she hoped to do some writing while at the estancia. She said she would be joined by her cousins, Dr. ERWIN and MARIO WASSERMAN.

She again asked Miss BURNETT if she knew anything about the Polish Legation, and if the Polish Legation was aligned with the new Polish Government.

GUTWIRTH mentioned the reception the Polish Bank had given for the Soviet Trade Commission, stating that a friend of his had attended, and commented to him that none of the members of the mission spoke any Spanish. WASSERMAN replied that one of the men is very handsome and speaks Spanish. She then added that she had not actually met any of the members, but had heard someone comment about the members of the mission and had seen one member of the mission at a distance. She said she knew the members of the Russian Trade Commission in New York very well, and on one occasion had eaten so much caviar with them that she had lost her taste for caviar.

WASSERMAN commented that she is interested in the Argentine textile industry and that she had visited the Trebol Textile Mill.

WASSERMAN expressed interest in securing material on the Frigorificos (packing plants) for an article she intends to write on meats.

WASSERMAN related that in connection with her interest in German penetration and German assets in Argentina,

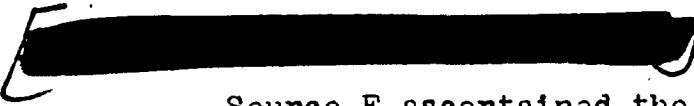
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she had been put in contact with ERNESTO GIUDICE, who she stated will give her considerable material on German penetration in Argentina. GIUDICE is a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Argentina and is a director of the official publication "Orientacion" of the Argentine Communist Party. *ca*

WASSERMAN said she had lunch with PEDRO WEIL of the wealthy Argentine grain dealer family of the same name, who own the Safico Building. She said she knows FELIX WEIL, a cousin of PEDRO WEIL, who lives in New York and is a lecturer at Columbia University, New York, and recently wrote a book on Argentina. WASSERMAN stated she had recently had lunch with BILL MOONEY, correspondent for "Time" magazine. *ca*

She informed Miss BURNETT that she had sent to the United States two short articles on the Argentine food and milk problem. *ca*

Concerning politics in the United States, WASSERMAN stated she is a great booster for the Democratic Party but she thinks the Party should be more united and that the Party should run WALLACE for president in 1948. *ca*

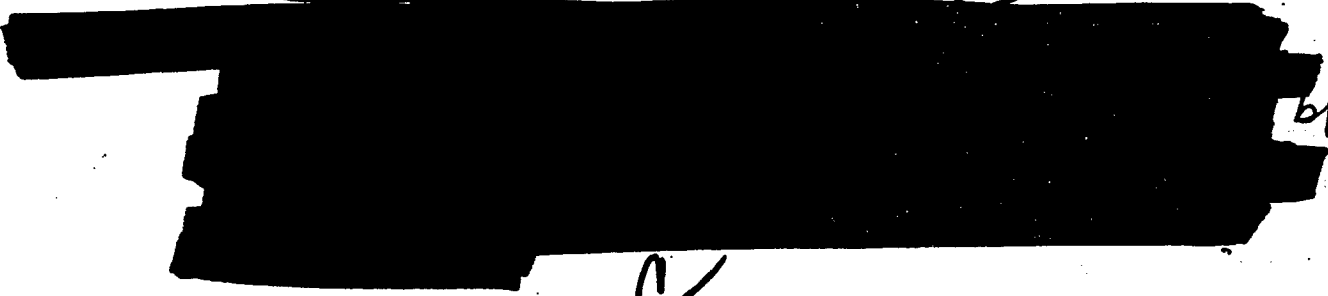
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ERNESTO HESS

Reliable Source M reported that ERNESTO HESS resides at Ayacucho 2171, first floor, Apartment B, and is a German, approximately fifty years of age who has resided in Argentina for five years. He previously resided in Germany and later in Holland where he was engaged in the tobaccobusiness. He is not known and makes all his purchases with cash and does not use credit. The few people who know him refer to him favorably.

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